document retaining means for retaining a [document and a] <u>plurality</u> of folder<u>s each storing</u> [to which the] <u>at least one</u> document[belongs];

candidate folder [determining] <u>selecting</u> means for [determining] <u>selecting</u> a candidate folder suitable for retaining a new document by comparing <u>a feature of</u> the new document with a<u>n average of</u> feature<u>s</u> of the <u>documents stored in a</u> folder <u>among the plurality of folders</u>; <u>and</u>

notifying means for [notifying] <u>providing a notification of</u> the candidate folder [determined] <u>selected</u> by said candidate folder [determining] <u>selecting</u> means[; and

updating means for updating the feature of the folder in response to saving the new document int he candidate folder].

Claim 3, lines 3 and 4, change "determined" to --selected--.

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4.   (Amended) A document processing system comprising:

judging means for judging a similarity degree between document information and a plurality [set] <u>of sets</u> of information of documents stored in a folder;

similarity order calculating means for calculating a [similarly] <u>similarity</u> order of a plurality of folders in accordance with the similarity judged by said judging means; and

notifying means for [notifying] <u>providing</u>
<u>notification of</u> the similarity order of the plurality of
folders calculated by said similarity order calculating
means.

5.   (Amended) A document processing system
comprising:

retaining means for retaining a plurality of
folders each storing a plurality [set] <u>of sets</u> of document
information;

[determining] <u>selecting</u> means for [determining]
<u>selecting</u> a folder [containing a larger amount] <u>from among</u>
<u>said plurality of folders based on a number of sets</u> of
document information <u>containing a keyword</u> [matching an]
input<u>ted as a</u> search condition; and

notifying means for [notifying] <u>providing a</u>
<u>notification of</u> the folder [determined] <u>selected</u> by said
folder determining means.

Claim 8, line 2, change "determining" to
--selecting-- and "determines" to --selects--.

9.   (Amended) A document processing method
comprising the steps of:

retaining a [document and a] <u>plurality of</u> folder<u>s</u>
<u>each storing</u> [to which the] <u>at least one</u> document[belongs];

[determining] <u>selecting</u> a candidate folder suitable
for retaining a new document by comparing <u>a feature of</u> the

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new document with an average of features of the documents stored in a folder among the plurality of folders; and

[notifying] providing a notification of the candidate folder [determined at] selected in said [candidate folder determining] selecting step[.; and

updating the feature of the folder in response to saving the new document in the candidate folder].

10.   (Amended) A document processing method comprising the steps of:

judging a similarity degree between document information and a plurality [set] of sets of information of documents stored in a folder;

calculating a [similarly] similarity order of a plurality of folders in accordance with the similarity judged [at] in said judging step; and

[notifying] providing notification of the similarity order of the plurality of folders calculated [at] in said [similarity order] calculating step.

11.   (Amended) A document processing method comprising the steps of:

retaining a plurality of folders each storing a plurality [set] of sets of document information;

[determining] selecting a folder [containing a larger amount] from among the plurality of folders based on a number of sets of document information containing a keyword [matching an] inputted as a search condition; and

[notifying] providing a notification of the folder [determined at] selected in said [folder determining] selecting step.

12.   (Amended) A computer readable storage medium storing programs executing the steps of:

retaining a [document and a] plurality of folders each storing [to which the] at least one document[belongs];

[determining] selecting a candidate folder suitable for retaining a new document by comparing a feature of the new document with an average of features of the documents stored in a folder among the plurality of folders; and

[notifying] providing a notification of the candidate folder [determined at] selected in said [candidate folder determining] selecting step[; and

updating the feature of the folder in response to saving the new document in the candidate folder].

13.   (Amended) A computer readable storage medium storing programs executing the steps of:

judging a similarity degree between document information and a plurality [set] of sets of information of documents stored in a folder;

calculating a [similarly] similarity order of a plurality of folders in accordance with the similarity judged [at] in said judging step; and

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[notifying] <u>providing notification of</u> the similarity order of the plurality of folders calculated [at] <u>in</u> said [similarity order] calculating step.

14.   (Amended) A computer readable storage medium storing programs executing the steps of:

retaining a plurality of folders each storing a plurality [set] <u>of sets</u> of document information;

[determining] <u>selecting</u> a folder [containing a larger amount] <u>from among the plurality of folders based on a number of sets</u> of document information <u>containing a keyword</u> [matching an] input<u>ted as a</u> search condition; and

[notifying] <u>providing a notification of</u> the folder [determined at] <u>selected in</u> said [folder determining] <u>selecting</u> step.

Please add Claims 15-61 as follows:

15.   A method according to claim 9, wherein a plurality of candidate folders suitable for saving the new document are selected and a list of a plurality of selected candidate folders is displayed.

16.   A storage medium according to claim 12, wherein a plurality of candidate folders suitable for saving the new document are selected and a list of a plurality of selected candidate folders is displayed.

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17. A system according to claim 1, further comprising means for updating the feature of the folder in response to saving of the new document in the candidate folder.

18. A system according to claim 1, wherein the document includes vector data.

19. A system according to claim 1, wherein the candidate folder has a high-level rank as determined by the result of the comparison.

20. A system according to claim 1, wherein said notifying means displays a label which is set in advance to indicate the candidate folder.

21. A system according to claim 1, wherein the document includes text data.

22. A system according to claim 1, further comprising means for causing the selected candidate folder to save the new document.

23. A method according to claim 9, further comprising the step of updating the feature of the folder in response to saving of the new document in the candidate folder.

24. A method according to claim 9, wherein the document includes vector data.

25. A method according to claim 9, wherein the candidate folder has a high-level rank as determined by the result of the comparison.

26. A method according to claim 9, wherein said notifying step includes displaying a label which is set in advance to indicate the candidate folder.

27. A method according to claim 9, wherein the document comprises text data.

28. A method according to claim 9, further comprising the step of causing the selected candidate folder to save the new document.

29. A storage medium according to claim 12, wherein the steps further comprise the step of updating the feature of the folder in response to saving of the new document in the candidate folder.

30. A storage medium according to claim 12, wherein the document includes vector data.

31. A storage medium according to claim 12, wherein the candidate folder has a high-level rank as determined by the result of the comparison.

32. A storage medium according to claim 12, wherein said notifying step includes displaying a label which is set in advance to indicate the candidate folder.

33. A storage medium according to claim 12, wherein the document comprises text data.

34. A storage medium according to claim 12, wherein said steps further comprise the step of causing the selected candidate folder to save the new document.

35. A system according to claim 4, wherein said notifying means provides notification only of a predetermined number of folders which have a high rank of similarity order.

36. A system according to claim 4, wherein the document is stored in at least one folder mentioned in the notification provided by said notifying means.

37. A system according to claim 4, wherein said notifying means displays a label set in advance to the selected folder.

38. A system according to claim 4, wherein the document includes text data.

39. A method according to claim 10, wherein, in said notifying step, notification is provided only of a predetermined number of folders which have a high rank of similarity order.

40. A method according to claim 10, wherein the document is stored in at least one folder mentioned in the notification provided in said notifying step.

41. A method according to claim 10, wherein said notifying step includes displaying a label set in advance to the selected folder.

42. A method according to claim 10, wherein the document includes text data.

43. A storage medium according to claim 13, wherein, in said notifying step, notification is provided only of a predetermined number of folders which have a high rank of similarity order.

44. A storage medium according to claim 13, wherein the document is stored in at least one folder mentioned in the notification provided in said notifying step.

45. A storage medium according to claim 13, wherein said notifying step includes displaying a label set in advance to the selected folder.

46. A storage medium according to claim 13, wherein the document includes text data.

47. A system according to claim 5, wherein said notifying means displays a label set in advance to indicate the selected folder.

48. A system according to claim 5, wherein the selected folder contains a predetermined number of folders which are highly ranked in said number.

49. A system according to claim 5, wherein said selecting means selects folders which are highly ranked in including the keyword.

50. A system according to claim 5, wherein the document information includes text data.

51. A system according to claim 5, further comprising control means for causing the selected folder to store the document information.

52. A method according to claim 11, wherein said notifying step includes displaying a label set in advance to indicate the selected folder.

53. A method according to claim 11, wherein the selected folder contains a predetermined number of folders which are highly ranked in said number.

54. A method according to claim 11, wherein said selecting step includes selecting folders which are highly ranked in including the keyword.

55. A method according to claim 11, wherein the document information includes text data.

56. A method according to claim 11, further comprising the step of causing the selected folder to store the document information.

57. A storage medium according to claim 14, wherein said notifying step includes displaying a label set in advance to indicate the selected folder.

58. A storage medium according to claim 14, wherein the selected folder contains a predetermined number of folders which are highly ranked in said number.